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In re application of:

Armin CLAUS

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Appl. No: 10/619,568

Examiner: Daniel I. Walsh

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Customer No:

ASSERTION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On July 16, 2003, the above-identified application was filed with a large-entity fee. The payment of the large entity fee was in error because the Assignee of the aboveidentified application was entitled to small entity status at the time of filing and the small entity status has not changed. A request for refund of half the filing fee (\$375.00) will be - submitted under separate cover.

Respectfully submitted,

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